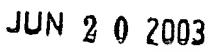
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Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the notice of Communication dated May 23, 2003, issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Application. A copy of the Communication is attached hereto. A response to the May 23, 2003 Communication is due June 23, 2003. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject Application as follows:

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Please add the Sequence Listing attached hereto as Appendix 1 to the end of the specification.

Please change the second and the third paragraph on page 35 as follows

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